

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2021

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Marshaun Glover, Ph.D., Vice Chair
William Hudgins, Ph.D., Secretary
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D.
Tammy Jones, Psy.D.
John Marshall, D.C. (left meeting at 11:30 a.m.)

Staff Present: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Jennifer Romeo-Porcaro, Board Counsel

Pursuant to Governor Charles D. Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, all board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:08 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Carey.

Executive Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) to review an applicant's character rather than competence, and G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B to review sensitive medical information in a monitoring report)

At 9:09 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to enter into executive session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(1) to review an applicant's character rather than competence, and G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B to review sensitive medical information in a monitoring report. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board returned to the open meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Monitoring Interview

- **Edward Mendelowitz, 2019-000343-IT-ENF, Interview of Edward Mendelowitz and Proposed Supervisor William Fitzgerald:** The Board interviewed Dr. Mendelowitz, who appeared with his attorney Rowan Moriarty, and his proposed supervisor Dr. Fitzgerald. The Board noted Dr. Fitzgerald's level of experience and Dr. Mendelowitz's feelings regarding the matter. Dr. Fitzgerald stated that, if the Board approves him to be Dr. Mendelowitz's supervisor, he and Dr. Mendelowitz would review Dr. Mendelowitz's cases involving Massachusetts patients with a focus on boundary issues. Dr. Mendelowitz expressed his frustration about the entire situation but said he is ready for supervision. The Board explained their expectations regarding Dr. Fitzgerald's role as the supervisor of Dr. Mendelowitz.

Dr. Fitzgerald left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

The Board discussed Dr. Fitzgerald's qualifications and understanding of the violations in Dr. Mendelowitz's case.

Dr. Mendelowitz left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Hudgins, seconded by Dr. Glover, to approve Dr. Fitzgerald as Dr. Mendelowitz's supervisor. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Anderson abstaining.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2021 and Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2021 and the Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Application Review – Prior Discipline

- **Joyce Stein, Applicant for Emergency Temporary License:** After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to invite Dr. Stein to a meeting for an interview and to inform her that psychologists licensed in other states have statutory authorization to practice in Massachusetts for 12 days a year.
- **John Rathouser, Application for Emergency Temporary License:** After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to invite Dr. Rathouser to a meeting for an interview and to inform him that psychologists licensed in other states have statutory authorization to practice in Massachusetts for 12 days a year.

Discussion

- **1.13.21 Email from A. Wilbur of William James College re: Forensic Services:** The Board discussed the additional information William James College provided after its initial letter about whether supervisors must physically be present with interns during in-home forensic evaluations under the Board's regulations and Emergency Policy on Supervision and Teletherapy. A motion was made by Dr. Glover, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, to inform William James College that supervisors must be present physically or be present by videoconference during interns' in-home forensic evaluations at this time. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Update on Online Application:** Mr. Bialas informed the Board that the revisions to the license application to make in online-only are in process. Adding to his previous update, he reported that the Supervised Experience Form completed by applicants will not be required, but the Academic Program Director Form will be. Further, the Board will not

require foreign and respecialization applicants to complete the Coursework Form unless the Board asks an applicant for it.

Monitoring Reports

- **Ricky Greenwald, 2017-000912-IT-ENF, 5th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.
- **David Reinke, 20150810PY003-IT-ENF, 10th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Investigative Conference (closed under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C)

At 11:24 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Glover, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to exit the open meeting and enter into a closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C to review cases and discuss orders to show cause, after which the Board would not return to the open meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

During the investigative conference, the Board took the following actions:

Cases

2020-001182-IT-ENF (RJ):	Dismiss. Dr. Jones recused herself from the discussion and vote on the case.
2020-001183-IT-ENF (KR):	Dismiss. Dr. Jones recused herself from the discussion and vote on the case.

Dr. Marshall left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

2020-001237-IT-ENF (EB):	Dismiss
2020-001140-IT-ENF (JG)	Tabled

Discussions of Orders to Show Cause

2020-000024-IT-ENF (DK):	Gave direction to prosecutor
2019-000730-IT-ENF (BE):	Gave direction to prosecutor
2020-000255-IT-ENF (AE):	Gave direction to prosecutor
2019-001356-IT-ENF (LC):	Tabled

Adjournment

At 12:29 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on March 12, 2021.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of February 12, 2021 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2021
- Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2021
- Edward Mendelowitz, 2019-000343-IT-ENF, Approval of Supervisor Documents
- Joyce Stein, Application for Emergency Temporary License
- John Rathouser, Application for Emergency Temporary License
- 1.13.21 Email from A. Wilbur of William James College re: Forensic Services and
12.7.20 Email from A. Wilbur of William James College re: Forensic Services
- Ricky Greenwald, 2017-000912-IT-ENF, 5th Quarterly Monitoring Report
- David Reinke, 20150810PY003-IT-ENF, 10th Quarterly Monitoring Report